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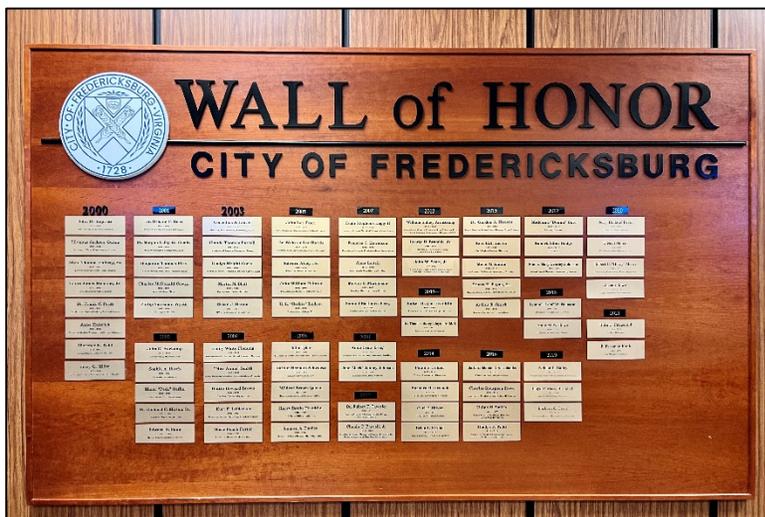
TO: Mayor Greenlaw and Members of City Council
FROM: Timothy J. Baroody, City Manager
DATE: March 2, 2022 (for March 8, Council meeting)
SUBJECT: City Manager's Update

Highlights of major activities and other notable developments:

71st Annual Fredericksburg Fine Arts Show & Sale will be held on Friday, March 11 through Sunday, March 13. This show features 275 artworks from a variety of artists and mediums. The public is invited to this FREE event held at the Dorothy Hart Community Center, 408 Canal Street. Show hours are: Friday, March 11 - 10am – 8pm; Saturday, March 12 - 10am- 6pm; and Sunday, March 13 - 10 am-4pm. This event is sponsored



by the Woman's Club of Fredericksburg and Fredericksburg Parks, Recreation and Events. For more information, please call 540-372-1086 or visit FXBGparks.com.



Wall of Honor– The Fredericksburg Memorials Advisory Commission is seeking nominations to the City Wall of Honor for 2022. The Wall of Honor recognizes those who have made significant contributions to the welfare of the city and the betterment of society. Nominees must have been deceased for at least one year prior to the nomination. Nominations may be submitted by any person, except

immediate family members.

You can find the Wall of Honor Application [here](#). Deadline for submission is May 15. If you have questions, email Tonya Lacey, Clerk of the City Council, at tlacey@fredericksburgva.gov. For a list of previous recipients please see the [Wall of Honor Recipients 2000-2021](#).



Fredericksburg Regional Transit (FRED) began fare FREE service on all routes as of February 28, 2022. FRED received grant funding through the Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation (DRPT) through the Transit Ridership Incentive Program (TRIP). This

program and funding approved by the Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB) will allow the transit system to operate a zero-fare transit model, also called “fare free” transit service. Starting February 28th, the Transit Ridership Incentive Program (TRIP) Grant along with support from the localities and other grant sources will allow transit riders to not pay a fare to board any of FRED’s buses. This program will be reviewed periodically to determine its impact and viability for the transit system and FRED’s local funding partners in the future.

“FRED is a valuable asset to the community and this funding award is a major step forward to improving public transportation access in the Greater Fredericksburg Region. This funding removes a barrier for all who use our public transit system; including those who rely on FRED for their daily transportation needs,” says Jamie Jackson, Director of Public Transit and Transportation.

Zero fare service is anticipated to increase ridership, as transit riders will be able to take the trips they need to get to work, school, medical appointments and to “do-life” without the financial burden of paying a fare to get them where they need to go. More information and details regarding zero fare service is located on FRED’s website, rideFRED.com.

Fredericksburg Community Vaccination Center (CVC) Scheduled to Stop Operations –The Rappahannock Area Health District (RAHD) Community Vaccination Center (CVC) in Central Park will close on March 5. The days and hours the center will be open during its final week will be Tuesday through Saturday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. The Central Park CVC has administered more than 36,000 free COVID-19 vaccines since it opened in early October 2021. As more people have become vaccinated and the vaccines have become widely available at doctor’s offices and

pharmacies, demand has decreased and VDH will shift the focus to its mobile program to provide free vaccines to people in areas where access is more challenging.

RAHD continues to provide free COVID-19 vaccines in local health department locations. Appointments are not required, but are encouraged. Days and times vaccinations are provided:

- Mondays from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.: Spotsylvania County Health Dept., 9104 Courthouse Road, Holbart Building, Spotsylvania 22553, (540) 507-7400
- Tuesdays from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.: City of Fredericksburg Health Dept., 608 Jackson St., Fredericksburg 22401, (540) 899-4142 and King George County Health Dept., Village Center 8097 Kings Highway, King George 22485 (540) 775-3111
- Wednesdays from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.: Stafford County Health Dept., Courthouse Complex 1300 Courthouse Road, Stafford 22554, (540) 659-3101 and Caroline County Health Dept., 17202 Richmond Turnpike, Milford 22427 804-633-5465

Nearly 72 percent of adults in the Rappahannock Area Health District have received at least one dose of COVID-19 vaccine with nearly 65 percent fully vaccinated. Nearly 72 percent of all Virginians have been fully vaccinated. About 15.3 million doses of vaccine have been administered across the Commonwealth since vaccines became available. Virginians who are unvaccinated remain at high risk of severe illness and hospitalization due to COVID-19. VDH recommends individuals who are 12 and older receive booster doses of the COVID-19 vaccine. To find a vaccine event near you, <https://vaccinate.virginia.gov/> or call 877-VAX-IN-VA (877-829-4682, TTY users call 7-1-1). Assistance is available in English, Spanish, and more than 100 other languages.

Fire Chief Mike Jones offers weekly informational videos on COVID-19 and its impacts. See the March 2 edition at <https://youtu.be/Wj174bR6LSc> and on www.fredericksburgva.gov

Unpaid Utility Bills Due No Later Than March 14 – Attention Fredericksburg utility customers who have an unpaid utility bill with a due date of February 25, 2022, or a delinquent notice with a due date of March 14, 2022: Unpaid balances must be received at the Treasurer’s Office no later than 4pm on March 14 or water service will be disconnected on March 15, 2022.



Account balances can be paid online <https://www.fredericksburgva.gov/.../eBilling-Online...> or in person at the Treasurer’s Office, City Hall, 715 Princess Anne Street. Treasurer’s hours are 8

a.m. to 4pm Monday through Friday. Please call the office for more information at 540-372-1001, option 5.



Traffic Safety Initiative – The Police Department continues a traffic safety initiative to target areas in the City where distracted driving and speeding have become a public safety concern. Drivers, be advised that the Police Department will be heavily enforcing speeding, reckless driving, disregard of stop signs, and failure to obey red lights. **“The City of Fredericksburg has issued more than 600 speeding citations since October 2021. Want to avoid a ticket in the City of Fredericksburg – follow posted speed**

limits, it is that simple,” stated City Manager Tim Baroody. Want to avoid a ticket? Drive smart and safe, #FXBG.

Board and Commission Openings – Are you a city resident? Passionate about your community? Serving on a board or commission can be an excellent way to shape government initiatives in your community. The City is currently seeking applicants for the following:

- Board of Building Codes Appeals
- Board of Zoning Appeals – Alternate members needed
- Memorials Advisory Commission

To learn more and apply, visit: <https://www.fredericksburgva.gov/221/Boards-Commissions> or please feel free to call the Clerk of Council’s office at 540-372-1010.

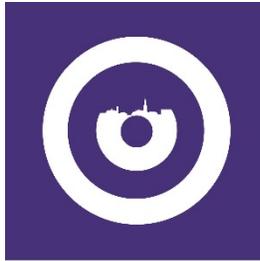


The Parks, Recreation and Events Newest Activity Catalog is now available! The Winter and Spring issue features parks, trails, activities and events here in the City of Fredericksburg. Find exciting new programs being offered this season for children and adults. Read it online now at <https://www.fredericksburgva.gov/370/Catalog-of-Activities>



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Spring Programs – Our Parks, Recreation and Events team is continually working on fun and safe programs for the season. Keep updated on all the activities available. See the full [listing](#).



Fred Focus

Fred Focus – The [Fredericksburg Department of Economic Development and Tourism](#) is pleased to bring you Fred Focus, a weekly e-newsletter that goes out every Thursday and keeps you up-to-date on Fredericksburg business and tourism information and events. This week's [edition](#).